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Bishop Richards Teaches By Stories: Sampling From Berkeley Address

Not many speakers have the power of appeal that accompanies the zestful talks of Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards. Here is a sampling of stories he told at the Nov. Berkeley stake conference.

An Elder slow of speech arose in a missionary meeting in the Southern States and said, "I'm enjoying my work. That's all I can enjoy. We can't enjoy anything that doesn't exist."

I know a church member who keeps 30 missionaries in the field all the time, another who keeps twelve; and another one. A lady school teacher in Las Vegas recently wrote to me, and said she wanted to contribute \$55 per month to keep some missionary in the field to represent her.

One of the first signs of spiritual death of stakes and wards is when only a certain few are called to take part.

It's all a matter of attitudes, whether we are pessimists or not. It is like two buckets in the well; each is up and then down. One bucket said: "This is a weary world; no matter if I come up filled, I always go down empty." The other bucket replied: "Yes, but I am glad that altho I go down empty, I always come up full."

We sometimes hear it said that all are treated alike in their turn in church affairs. But, it reminds me sometimes of the sausage maker who said he put in equal amounts of meats, first a rabbit, and then an elephant.

There is the story of the daughter who was the fifteenth child of her mother who hugged her mother one day and said, "Gee mother, I'm glad you didn't stop at the fourteenth."

One daughter said to her father, O what did I do to be worthy to be your child.

A son came home from the service and said, I wanted to like Dad and Mom, so I have come home clean.

Boys, how long since you told your dad that you love him? a day? a week? a year? And the same might be asked for telling Mom you love her, and for daughter telling both dad and mom.

A Mormon boy during the war was entertained in a wealthy home. When it came time for cocktails he declined pleasantly, and the same with other things he didn't indulge in. Instead of being offended the hostess told him how she admired his courage and standards, and that in the future she would surely entertain any LDS elders that might come to her door.

Brother Kirkham tells that once one of our fine stake presidents asked him to talk to his son. In the talk the son said to Brother Kirkham, "I wish you would talk to my dad. He never has time to do anything or go anywhere with me, to play or be together."

In praising the Church work for the boys and girls Bishop Richards told the story of the mission president at conference telling that he had in his mission 18 boys whose parents were inactive in Church. And in one ward of 18 teachers in one quorum 16 went on missions.

The influence of our fine LDS boys is potent, he said. A medical doctor moved into one of our LDS towns, his son asked for baptism after going with the LDS boys he met. After coming home from the military service, this son converted his father.

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Dimond Youth Won Solo Trophy

When more than a thousand students from Northern California high schools competed in the seventh annual singing contest at the University of California, November 11, Jay Robinson of the Dimond ward was acclaimed men's solo winner.

Jay is a member of Dimond ward and is secretary for Dimond Ward MIA. He is a student body officer at Fremont high, serving as commissioner of finance; and is a member of the acapella choir. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke M. Robinson.

Liahona Club News



The Liahona club, LDS business men's dinner and social organization, met in their monthly-dinner discussion gathering at Klees Smorgasbord in the Montclair district Monday, Nov. 28, this being the regular fourth Monday of the month and the usual time of meetings.

A. D. Erickson presided; Curt Bybee introduced guests and presented new pins to new members, Peter W. Easton and Charles Taylor, Dennis Lauper, Leonard Lyons, Delbert W. Rock and O. Leslie Stone.

Topic of the evening was the presentation by President Erickson of a set of tentative plans by Architect Theodore Reugg for the proposed Liahona Canyon Lodge at the new 10-acre Liahona camp site on the Stanislaus above Pine-Crest. The sentiment seemed to prevail that the club should lay out a five-year building plan for the accommodation of club members, their families and friends, in a manner comparable to the better mountain lodges which our members are accustomed to enjoy elsewhere at the present time.

Mention was made also of additional construction on the site of dorms for the various groups of young people of the church, and also of cottages on the more wooded hillsides on the property. The questions of possible water supply for wading and swimming pools, and of recreational areas for games of ball, tennis, and other sports were not forgotten.

A building committee to explore further and report at subsequent meetings was appointed by the chair, consisting of Delbert W. Rock, chairman; O. Leslie Stone, Charles Maurer, Arthur L. Hopkins, Sam Scott and Herb Van Noy.

A committee to look into a possible source of revenue was appointed consisting of Jos. C. Eyring, Curt Bybee and Art Bliss.

Passing over December, the next Liahona club dinner-meeting will be held the fourth Monday in January—January 23—at 7:30 p.m. All LDS businessmen are invited to get in touch with President Erickson and join the club.

Two Oakland Dances New Year's Eve

Everyone from the age 15 up will be able to join in the fun on New Year's eve in Oakland Stake in two MIA dances that evening. One a Lucky Clover dance for the young people, and the other a Special Interest Watch Party for the older young people.

The New Year's Eve Lucky Clover dance will be held at Alameda chapel, Grand and Encinal, December 31. Special attractions will be included. This is one of a series of Lucky Clover dances—you young people can still join the group by contacting your MIA leaders. You can make a date now to dance to the music of a well known orchestra. Your friends may come as guests.

The Special Interest Watch Party-Dance, is scheduled at the Elmhurst chapel, 98th and Therman at 9 p.m. There will be dancing and entertainment (including a floor show) and a surprise buffet supper. Come one come all.

Wanted: A Spirited Pilgrimage Song

Chairman Delbert W. Rock, of the June 1950 temple pilgrimage and Nathan Tolman, genealogical chairman, are making a call to all our members to try their skill at writing words for a lively, appropriate song to be featured at meetings on the way to the temple, and before and after the pilgrimage. The words should be fitted to a well-known and appropriate melody.

It is pointed out that stops will be made on the way to Salt Lake City by the caravan of automobiles at points in California and Nevada where open-air and perhaps, in-door meetings will be held by the large membership on the trip. Excellent musical talent will be found among the members; the theme song will be featured on the programs.

Little or no money prize will be offered, but the reward will consist largely of the thrill when the voices of many on the pilgrimage raise the music to the skies.

Temple caravans from the state of California to the temple in Salt Lake City will have their premiere with this June pilgrimage. It seems proper and fitting that this first undertaking should be celebrated in song. Our two stakes have within them an abundance of talent in composition. No doubt the committee will receive generous response. Both stakes are invited.

Just by way of general suggestions and in order to help to get our minds working on this project, it is suggested by the committee that some such title as: "We're Going to the Temple" may be used. Perhaps as many as five verses could be acceptable.

These various verses might cover such themes as, the call, "We're going to the temple," the with the hundred or two others good times on the way as we join in autos, each decked with a sign bearing the assigned Book of Mormon name; the open-air and perhaps the indoor meetings on the (Continued on page 2)



—Photo by Anson G. Perkins.

California state landmark on highway 99 between town of Ripon and the highway bridge over the Stanislaus river, commemorating the founding of New Hope agricultural colony near the mouth of the Stanislaus river by 20 LDS pioneers from the Ship Brooklyn in the autumn of 1846. Dedicated Oct. 22, 1949, by Alameda county chapter, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and state and county officials. W. Aird MacDonald conducted the program and Alfred E. Cardwell offered the dedicatory prayer. Mayor Hans Madson of Ripon spoke.

Book of Mormon and Modern Archeology Discussed at BYU

Contributions of the Book of Mormon in the field of present day archeological studies were explained at the third annual archeological society conducted the first week in November, 1949.

Major speakers were Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, head of the department of archeology at BYU; Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, professor of O. T. languages; Dr. Franklin S. Harris, Jr., of the U of U department of physics.

Some of the younger archeologists are swinging towards the "infusion" point of view, and certain recent discoveries in America give credence to the Book of Mormon story of the settlement of America.

We Don't Always Have Youth's Point Of View

We Don't Take Time to Listen, Declares Bishop Richards in Berk. Sermons

Bishop Richards told of a man of wealth who said to his boy that he didn't know what to give him for Christmas this time and so declared, "I'll give you one hour every day this year." Start out right in the home and all else will be right, the bishop declared. "I love the youth of Zion and I know they love the Church of Christ. We don't get fully the youth's point of view, and we don't always take time to listen to their desires and ideas, and to know their problems."

The Berkeley stake conference was to a large extent a "Youth Conference." Youth of the lower priesthood did the praying at the Sunday meetings, and took part in the program at each session. Parents spoke on the topic: "What can I do to strengthen the bond between me and my son and daughter, and youth speakers took up the same topic. Variety marked each meeting. Deep devotion to the gospel, and great good humor in service to youth and the Church marked the gatherings. The attendance topped all previous conferences since the stake was organized.

Speaking for fathers was O. Leslie Stone, Berkeley First Ward, for mothers, Grace Hopkins, Berkeley Second Ward. Continuing for the boys was Glen Olive of the Napa Ward, and for girls, Dwana Erickson of the Berkeley First Ward. Visiting the conference with Bishop Richards was the Church architect, Edward O. Anderson, and Patriarch Eugene Hilton of Oakland.

Other youths taking speaking parts on the program of the conference were Orvil Ellsworth, Claremont ward, on the topic, "Blessings coming from ward teaching to the teachers and to the people;" Kenneth Sorensen, Carquinez Ward, speaking on "My testimony." He was followed by Carol Green of Walnut Creek on the same topic. Willard Williams, Claremont ward, representing the adult members of the Aaronic priesthood, gave a thought-provoking talk on "What the Church means to me."

Joseph C. Eyring spoke on the Girls' Committee work and John L. Murdock on ward teaching, while three returned missionaries reported their missions—Harry Crowther on his mission to Great Britain, David Cummings from the New England mission, and Wayne Mahew from France. These three had left from the Berkeley First Ward.

Fred J. Hatt spoke on adult Aaronic priesthood work, and George Hughes on the program of the Aaronic priesthood committee.

Troop No. 131, Richmond Boy Scouts Granted Two Eagle Scout Awards



—Photo by Del Carman, Richmond.

Left to right: Donald Gross, new eagle scout; Charles Wolf, camping and activity chairman, Contra Costa Co. Council; Norman Coombs, Troop 131 Southmaster; Robert Wilson, new eagle scout. A court of honor and eagle court of honor was held Oct. 30, 1949, at LDS church in Richmond for members of Troop 131. The following program was carried out: Opening prayer, Bill Leavitt; opening of court of honor and presentation of charter, Commissioner Carl Watson; opening remarks, Phil Lewis, troop committee chairman; presentation of awards to the following scouts: Tony Gaovinini, tenderfoot; David Wilcox and Richard Roy Lewis, second class; Charles Myler, Darell Wilson, Harold Harger, David Wilcox and Wendell Coombs, first class; merit badges, Robert Wilson, cooking, civics, music, metalwork and leathercraft; Donald Gross, zoology, life saving, rocks and minerals, astronomy; Gordon Gross, hiking, cooking, camping, metalwork; Harold Harger, woodwork; Darell Wilson, woodwork; Jimmy Brown, firemanship. Closing remarks by Tony Clark, counselor to Bishop Finnell; court of honor closed by Carl Watson. Eagle court of honor opened by Commissioner Carl Watson; Scouts, Robert Wilson and Donald Gross, presented to Thane Packer who presented the eagle awards, assisted by Charley Wolf, camping and activity chairman, Richmond district. Address by Bishop Charles Finnell; court closed by Carl Watson; closing prayer by Brother Myler, Philip Lewis, recorder.

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our LDS temples; the happiness of
working for our kindred dead in
the temple; the sealings in eternal
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ALAMEDA COUNTY DUP IN THE NEWS

The November 13, 1949 issue of
the Oakland Tribune printed in
its Knave columns a report sent
in by Mildred Morgan of Alame-
da of the dedication of the
"beautiful centennial marker
bearing centennial plaque No.
437" near Mossdale bridge on Hi-
way 120, October 22, 1949, under
direction of the Daughters of the
Utah Pioneers.

It tells that this marker honors
the 20 men from the Ship Brook-
lyn who landed at Mossdale in
the first sail launch, the "Comet,"
to ascend the San Joaquin river
in 1846.

Las Vegas First Settled By Mormon Pioneers

William Bringhurst of the city
of the Great Salt Lake arrived in
1855 with a band of 30 young men
directed by Brigham Young "to
go to Las Vegas, build a fort there
to protect the immigrants and the
U.S. mail from attack by the In-
dians." But in 1857 the settlers
returned to SLC at the approach
of Johnson's army, and nothing
much happened in Las Vegas until
1905 when the railroad from
SLC to Los Angeles made this
town its halfway station. A monu-
ment in the town now marks the
historic settlement by the 1855
pioneers.

Pungent, Pertinent Paragraphs

From Berk. Conf. Program

All must at sometime be con-
verted. None are born with a testi-
mony. I am glad the spirit of dis-
interest and postponement has
passed from me before it is too
late for me to help my children
and not hurt them.—Willard Wil-
liams, an adult member of the
Aaroni priesthood.

I need the Church for worship,
for recreation, for celestial mar-
riage and to keep me living the
Gospel and from drifting away al-
together.—Ditto.

I appreciate what the bishop
does for youth, and for our youth
meetings.—Kenneth Sorensen,
teacher of Carquinez ward.

There are several ways to get
a testimony: review teachings of
the Gospel, pray in faith for guid-
ance, and work in the organiza-
tions of the Church. Since work-
ing in the Primary and MIA I
have a testimony.—Carol Green,
a girl from Walnut Creek.

To many the Gospel seems
an unreal thing at first until one
has tasted and savored it. Coun-
try work on my mission without
prearranged meals or places to
sleep developed within me glow-
ings of finality of knowledge and
the witness of Jesus Christ. I
know he lives.—David Cummings,
returned missionary.

The French people have the
blood of Israel in them and can
be won to the Gospel through
love and faith.—Wayne Mayhew,
returned missionary.

Let youth make their own de-
cisions, work together with the
parents on projects at home and
at Church, play together with
parents Son and daughter should
have nights out with Dad and
Mom to shows, skating, and to
eats afterwards. Take them to
MIA, don't send them.—O. Leslie
Stone.

Youth should reciprocate for
what the parents have done for
them, and really try to profit
from their experiences, the youth
has to have a try themselves.—
Glen Olive, youth from Napa.

Be interested in what your chil-
dren are doing, get them to do
something for you and daddy;
share the Gospel with them, take
them to the temple, share their
joys and fears.—Mrs. Grace Hop-
kins El Cerrito.

Let your mother know that you
respect her personal wishes, and
share experiences with her.
Demonstrate awareness of her
love for you.—Dwana Erickson,
Berkeley.

I read that the Oakland stake
bishops invite the girls of the
wards to take part in the sacra-
ment meetings. This might help.
Girl's attendance at meetings has
been 42 per cent in our stake,
whereas it is 50 per cent in the
Church.—Jos. E. Eyring

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Berkeley Ward

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The Christmas season is here
again and our ward calendar seems
to be overflowing with good pro-
grams that are "must attends" for
all of us.

The Relief Society is planning a
special program to be given on the
Thursday morning preceding Christ-
mas at their regular meeting. Pres.
Grace Summerhayes and her work-
ers are busily planning to make this
an outstanding meeting.

On December 20, Tuesday evening
before Christmas, the Mutual will
have a special program. There will
be no regular class work. Sister
Laurine Ellis will lead the Beehive
and Junior Girls in Christmas
music. Don't miss this or you will be
sorry!

Christmas morning there will be
a program put on by the various
classes including the tiny tots who
will render "Away in a Manger." I
know all of us will enjoy it. Christ-
mas on Sunday seems more appro-
priate than when it comes on week
days. Going to church on this holy
day makes us more mindful of its
full significance.

New Year's eve will be celebrated
in Berkeley ward with a dance spon-
sored by both wards. It will start at
8:30. Conary and bring your friends.
A farewell program for Brother
Claude M. Dewsnap will be held on
December 15. He has already received
his passport and will be leaving
soon. This is your chance to wish
him Godspeed to England.

Dean Larsen and family recently
returned to Berkeley to make their
home. They have purchased a new
home in our ward. Mrs. Larsen will
be remembered as Gloria Burn,
former Berkeley ward Sunday
school secretary. Gloria is now
teaching the piano.

Sister Hermese Ogden would like
all parents and children to remem-
ber the Primary Christmas party
December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Santa
Claus will be there. The Sunday
school is working with the primary
so that this program will be an un-
forgettable thrill for the children.

Sister Summerhays announces that
Louise Knight is going to be giving
the literary lessons in Relief Society
every month. We are fortunate to
have this capable teacher.

Congratulations are in order to
Sister Farr, Kirke Decker and the
two excellent casts who presented
the MIA dramas, "So Wonderful in
White" and "The Man in the Bowl-
er Hat" at the chapel Nov. 29. In
the casts were: Ina Hopkins, Mar-
garet Kimber, Joan Williams, Carol
Dunham, Rose Marie Dunham, Rose-
mary Scott, Barbara Beckett, Ken
Sheppard, Jene Passer, Bob Lind-
blad, Gwen Chase, Jack Smith,
Wayne Mayhew and Howard Niel-
sen. Surprisingly good also was the
male quartet—Dave Lewis, Norm
Akey, Bob Perry and Ted Baer. And
what an attendance!

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Berkeley stake bishop's storehouse and welfare work project center, San Pablo and Fink Lane, El Cerrito, Calif. Photo 20 Nov. 1949 by Del Carman. Wing at left, bishop's store; main building contains canning and Relief Society work room. At right rear, section of priesthood project and garage building. Welfare center will be completed and dedicated in time for stake conference, February, 1950, it is hoped.

Oakland Stake M Men BB Schedule

Oakland stake M Men basketball players opened their 1949-1950 season Thursday, November 17, at Westlake gym, 2629 Harrison St. A 14-night series, the seven-team league will play every Thursday night at 6:45, 8:00 and 9:15 o'clock.

One team a week draws a bye which sets up the December and January schedule in order of play, as follows: (all games at Westlake Junior high school gym.)

1 Dec. San Leandro vs. Hayward; Elmhurst vs. Maxwell Park; and Dimond vs. Oakland.

8 Dec. San Leandro vs. Oakland; Elmhurst vs. Dimond; and Alameda vs. Maxwell Park.

15 Dec. Dimond vs. Alameda; Hayward vs. Oakland; and San Leandro vs. Elmhurst.

22 Dec. Elmhurst vs. Oakland; Maxwell Park vs. San Leandro; and Hayward vs. Alameda.

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5 Jan. Hayward vs. Maxwell Park; Alameda vs. Oakland; and San Leandro vs. Dimond.

12 Jan. Maxwell Park vs. Dimond; San Leandro vs. Alameda; and Hayward vs. Elmhurst.

19 Jan. Elmhurst vs. Alameda; Dimond vs. Hayward; Maxwell Park vs. Oakland.

26 Jan. San Leandro vs. Hayward; Elmhurst vs. Maxwell Park; and Dimond vs. Oakland.

Winner of the league play will win a trophy as part of the Oakland recreation department league. Highest-placing team to meet eligibility requirements for church play, will represent Oakland stake in district play-offs.

Why not clip this schedule now and preserve it for your convenience and as a reminder of these every-Thursday night games?

Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

Thumbnail sketch of Ferrin Lee Francom. Ferrin was born in Payson, Utah on June 10, 1910, son of Harriet Bates and Joseph Francom. He was one of five children. He attended school in Payson and Provo. In 1928, Ferrin left Utah and came to Los Angeles where he was employed for several years. In 1930 he met Charlotte Mason, only daughter of George W. Mason and Louise Osmum, and on October 12 of that year, they were married, while living in Los Angeles they were blessed with two sons.

A few years later they moved to Santa Cruz and there in 1938 Charlotte joined the church. Their first move was to Vallejo in 1940 and there they were blessed with another son. In 1943 they moved to Napa and here it was they welcomed their two daughters into the world. Ferrin is a Route Manager for the Rogers Bottling Works and at the present time they have a comfortable home in the country near in Napa.

In August of 1949, Charlotte and Ferrin, accompanied by their five wonderful children, Lee-Ann, Donald, Steven, Peggy, and Nancy, made a trip to Salt Lake City and there entered the House of the Lord and were married for the second time and had their children sealed to them. At the present time, Ferrin is our Ward Clerk, member of the Finance Committee, and Daniel Counselor in the 1st M. M. L. A. We are proud and happy to claim the Francoms as members of our ward and we pray that the Lord's blessing will always be with them. They are in inspiration to all who meet them and Charlotte is a real artist and is so willing to share her talents and teach them to us. Lee-Ann is a bee-keeper and the girls all love and respect her. We wish the best of everything to the Francoms.

To Rex Candland and Iva Lu Carter, we say Congratulations on the wonderful M. L. A. this year. And after last week, we certainly take our hats off to Elizabeth Daniel, our Drama and Speech Director, Betty Lou Olive and Lee Francom took with parts taken by Margaret, Ann Bowman, Betty Hancock, LaRon Barker, and Harold Davies. We certainly discovered some hidden talent in the Ward and are looking forward to some very wonderful performances. Congratulations, Sister Daniel, you're proud of you.

Our Junior Girls, under the leadership of Naomi Candland, held the spotlight for the month of November with their Rose Membership Night. The girls looked very lovely in their formal, and a very beautiful candlelight service took place. All of the girls and their mothers were in attendance at the Candland Home.

Our two missionaries, Elder Robert Delonzor, and Elder Paul Murdock have arrived in their fields of labor and are busily engaged in the work of the Lord. We will have definite messages from them in the very near future. Bob is in the Southern States and Paul is in the Argentine Mission.

Our finance committee, under the direction of George E. Egan, are actively engaged in raising funds for our new Chapel. A Big ward din-

Greetings - - - - - from Japan

By MILDRED MORGAN

A worthy project is being started Dec. 11 to send candy to 4,000 Japanese children for Christmas. Our own Vinal Mauss sent the request from Japan. Both Berkeley and Oakland stakes are participating to the extent of \$125 each. Posters and receptacles will be placed in all wards so children may contribute their pennies and add to their donation.

Oakland ward is packing good clothing which is at the welfare house to send to Pres. Mauss for needy Japanese. The U. S. government will take care of shipping charges. Hilda Perkins of the stake Relief Society is considering a project to send more clothes to Japan after the first of the year.

During the past weeks 18 sacks of good clothing have been packed by the Relief Society to send to the Indians adjacent to Phoenix, Arizona. Elaine Kimball Jones, formerly of Oakland stake, who is working with the Arizona Indians is receiving the clothing and being responsible for its distribution.

Money taken in from the rummage sales held in Oakland is being turned over by the Relief Society for remodeling at the welfare house.

The change to evening Relief Society meetings in San Leandro and Alameda wards has increased the attendance and membership in both wards.

The Primary stake board is entertaining all the ward presidencies at a luncheon in Alameda chapel at Grand and Encinal avenue, 9 December.

Marjorie Nielsen of the stake Primary board has been released.

Our stake Primary chorister, Lenore Barber, has written a Christmas musical pageant which will be presented in each ward for their Christmas program. Mother Goose characters, Santa Claus and his helpers are cast.

Alameda ward was recently reorganized. Francis Winkel, brother of our former bishop Thys Winkel, was sustained as bishop with the former counselors, Charles and Don Hughes to help him. We congratulate Alameda ward on their fine former and present bishopric. Bro. Thys Winkel has been sustained as the newest member of the Oakland stake high council.

Stake leadership and priesthood meeting held on Saturday night instead of Sunday was very successful. The next meeting will be 7 Jan. 1950.

The stake harvest carnival to raise money for the cannery netted nearly \$2500. Needless to say, the dinner was a success. Our stake presidency are thinking of opening a dude ranch because their cowboy act was so hilariously received. Bro. Glen Shaw really outdid the others in the last act when he danced the can-can. Keep those cowboy outfits; also those stage costumes of blonde hair, gowns, etc., we might be able to book our presidency at the Orpheum.

The road show was excellent. Rufus O. Phelps, chairman, and his energetic committee are to be commended for the three days of entertainment, especially the last day and evening at Hayward where fun, frolic and sales went on. Auctioneer Bro. Dunford barked his wares for hours and really brought in the money. We are still wondering how he can keep in voice so long.

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I first met Adolph about four years ago. He was a new convert from the middle west and he seemed to be sincere in his acceptance of the Gospel. He had come to Utah to more fully enjoy the blessings of the Gospel and participate more actively in church work.

He was stone blind, which created some problems for him and for us. However, he seemed to have some natural talents and had developed his other four senses in a splendid manner. He was a fair typist, but the material he typed had to be dictated to him. Also, he seemed to possess some musical ability and played the piano quite well.

The Northern Utah Region created a position for him in their Ogden office and he was placed under the supervision of that region's excellent and understanding coordinator, Arvel W. Dean. One day he said to Brother Dean that he thought he could learn to operate the switch board. Brother Dean gave him no encouragement, but promised to refer the matter to the telephone company. Telephone experts said that a blind person could not operate a telephone switchboard because the incoming and outgoing signals were supposed to be the same. As Adolph's confidence in himself did not waver and he again requested the opportunity of trying, Brother Dean granted him this opportunity and in three days he mastered the switchboard and acted as operator for a year and a half.

He continued to develop his musical talents. He received an invitation from Richfield, Utah, to play a piano concert in that town. Brother Dean encouraged him to accept the invitation. His performance made such an impression on those who attended that he was urged to remain and make Richfield his home. Again Brother Dean encouraged him to follow the suggestion of his Richfield friends.

July 29, 1949, I stopped in Richfield on my way to attend welfare meetings in southern Utah. Brother Dean accompanied me. We contacted Adolph. He had 60 pupils whom he was instructing in the fine art of music. They seemed to be highly pleased in Richfield with what Adolph was doing. He has added to the culture and the happiness of that community.

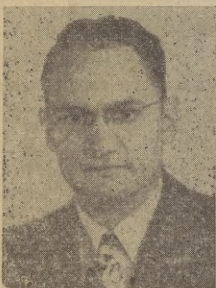
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Elmhurst Ward

RAELEN REYNOLDS

Sunday, Nov. 27, the Fireside gave their sacrament meeting program. Talks were assigned to every member of the Fireside and out of the group certain ones were told they would speak that evening. Those so informed and their topics were: Shirley Koverik, the "Godhead"; Flora Yeaman, "Marriage"; Gene Bissell, the "Scrolls"; Raelen Reynolds, "Following the Crowd"; and Helen Carlson, "Bob Anderson and the Musical Numbers." The program was rendered by Jean Dutton and a quartet including Ruth and Blaine Wilson and Bob and Joanne Anderson, who sang: "Secret Prayer." They were accompanied by Rowena Basinger. The meeting was inspirational and enjoyed by all.

The entire ward expresses deep sympathy to Sister Grace Fletcher in her still lingering illness. May God bless her and her worthy husband, Harry Fletcher, beloved patriarch.

Just think: A free subscription to the Improvement Era. Free if you pay your ward budget before 21 December. If you've already purchased your Era, you can still have a subscription for the following year.

Fireside was honored to have as their guest speaker 13 Nov. O. Neil McCarthy who told of his recent mission to the Southern States. It was held at the Duttons' home and was a most enjoyable meeting.

We wish to welcome Darlene Blake into the Sunday school as a teacher. We all know Sister Blake will be an inspiration to the class she teaches.

LOST—About five M Men basketball players for Elmhurst ward. Last seen locally about two years ago. For reward offered, see Coach Harkins at Frick gym on Friday nights.

We wish to thank those in our ward who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our father. We especially thank Bishop Nethercott for planning the service. We thank the Relief Society members for all those who sent such lovely cards, words who were so kind at that time and flowers, and those from other time.

—Raelen Reynolds

Know Your Stakes

Did you know there is a Chicago stake and a Denver stake? And then there are stakes with the names Florida, South Carolina, New York, Washington, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and good old Nevada.

Yes, and in our pride and joy, southern California, they have stakes at Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, San Bernardino, Pasadena, San Fernando and Inglewood.

But the newest stake in California is San Joaquin and the oldest is San Francisco. Then there are the following stakes that once were included in the old San Francisco stake: Palo Alto, Oakland and Berkeley.

Well, just for fun, try your perspicacity (O, my) and guess where the next stake in northern California will be found. I dunno, but there is a wiseman up in Napa (J.L.M.), perhaps) who can foresee Napa as the center ward in some future years, of a stake up that way. Now you guess.

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Utaho-Idaho News

● Power county, Idaho, ranks as the leading wheat producer in Idaho, and for many years American Falls has been listed as the second largest primary wheat shipping point in America. 1949 crop brought \$6,000,000.

● Midvale, Utah city's budget is in the red for 1949 due to the failure of the court to collect a single dollar from fines and forfeitures. \$500 had been anticipated from these sources. Does it pay to be good?

● The Inter-mountain Indian school at Brigham City, Utah opens January 9, 1950 to 500 Indian children. Next year it will be prepared for 2000.

● Serving the deaf of the entire valley of Salt Lake, Utah, a LDS "Salt Lake Valley Branch of the Deaf" has just dedicated its new attraction chapel in SLC.

● LDS missionaries in Clinton, N. C., entered a float in the Farmers Day celebration this fall: two Indian-garbed boys on the fenders of a coupe, an enormous book on top labeled "Book of Mormon", and gold lettered signs on the doors, "Read the Book of Mormon." They reported many inquiries.

● Utah has three great potentials around which to build its future, says the director of planning for the city of Los Angeles. These are mining, agricultural, and recreation. Utah's canyons are becoming almost as much a recreational asset in the depths of winter as they are in summer. Reason, skiing. Then the salt flats for auto racing, midget and regular.

● A total of 106,241 visited Bryce and Zion Parks during the one month of August, 1949 as against 102,036 for that month in 1948. Calif. sent 22,178 of these, but others came from every state in the Union, and 25 foreign countries.

● June 1, 1950 has been set as the date for unveiling a marble statue of Brigham Young in the nation's capital at Washington.

● No other school in the U. S. is so favorably situated to train students in mining and geology as the U. of U. claims the new head of that school.

● Provo has a smoke nuisance problem similar to that in SLC and has employed an expert to study and report on smoke control.

● Peggy Bennion, Utah's movie star, has just signed for eight pictures as leading lady opposite Michael O'Shay by Mid-Continental Productions. Outdoor mysteries, these films will be shot in Heber City, early in 1950.

● The Deseret News says that if you rub a little lead of a pencil up and down on your stiff acting zipper, the graphite in the lead will lubricate it. Rub rather furiously, tho.

● There are only two Indian wards in the Church. One is Washakie ward, Malad, Idaho, stake, just a few miles south of the Utah-Idaho line. Here a fine farm welfare program is in full swing with the purpose of providing for their own needs, primarily. The other Indian ward is Papago ward, near Mesa, Arizona.

● The great \$69,000,000 Weber Basin project in Weber county, Utah, has been signed by President Truman.

● Dr. Leonard Pollard (formerly a member of Berkeley ward while he was a student at UC) now head of the UAC vegetable crops department, announces that John D. Atkin has been given a UC research fellowship in that department at Davis, Calif., the UC agricultural school.

● Utah's expenditure of \$11.66 per capita for higher education is the highest of any western state, and her \$18.13 per capita for welfare was second highest.

● A Sunnyside, Utah, coal mine has received its first mechanical coal mining machine which mines coal from the solid face into the pit car without blasting.

● Helen Rose John, Navajo Indian (Continued on Page 5)

How to Gain Faith - - -

(Editorial from The Church News, 16 November, 1949)

"AND THE APOSTLES said unto the Lord, increase our faith." This is the universal prayer of godfearing men everywhere; Alma compared the planting of some of the word of God in a man's heart to the sowing of a seed. Alma says: we can let the seed sprout and swell until it begins to enlighten our understandings.

Claremont Ward

Our talent scouts have been out looking for missionaries again and as a result Daryl Dangerfield and Joseph C. Wood, those two eligible bachelors about Claremont, are leaving us soon after the first of the year. Daryl has accepted a call to the Northern States and Joseph has accepted a call to the Texas-Louisiana mission. Let's all be prepared to attend going away parties for these two good missionaries when they are announced.

The bishopric of Claremont, in fact, all of Claremont ward, is proud of the missionaries now laboring in the field. Why not write a Christmas letter to each missionary? Their addresses are as follows: Elder Reed Harker, 51st Ave. Malansena (Chey Bailis) Nice, France.

Elder Vincent Wood, 204 O'Connor St., Ottawa, Ont. Canada.

Elder Louis Skanchy, 609 Richardson St., High Point, North Carolina.

Elder Byron E. Key, 201 West Pinekey St., Madison, Florida.

Elder Robert Burdett, Waldeck Pyromoutkade 111 Hague, Holland.

The happy smiles you see spreading around Claremont ward are caused by spreading the good news that a new chapel is to be started real soon upon our Stuart street lot in Berkeley. We have waited a long time for this event and the day we occupy the build we surely will be a proud people.

Helen Burdett is wearing a beautiful diamond on her engagement finger and a new sparkle in her eyes. The lucky man is Lester Hansen. Congratulations, Lester, and much happiness to you, Helen. Ever notice how pretty a girl is, who is going to be married?

January 2, 1950 will be the "big day" for Dave Gaisford and Shirley Woodcock. Their wedding is to take place then in the Piedmont Community church. Shirley is now on a troupeau buying trip to the Hawaiian Islands via the airway.

It's a baby girl for John and Ann Wildfeldt. Petite Ann Margaret arrives Nov. 13, and we are proud to list her as the newest and tiniest member in our ward.

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San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON



Our third ward conference held Sunday, Nov. 20, proved another milestone for San Leandro ward.

The members realize that the Lord has been good to us and realize, too, that inasmuch as his blessings are predicated upon worthiness, it is the responsibility of each one to continue faithful and diligent in his service. Many members took the opportunity, during one of the conference meetings, to bear testimony to the fact that service in the church has brought immeasurable happiness into their lives.

Visiting stake officers encouraged all to be industrious in the Lord's work and, above all, to be dependable in whatever responsibility was given. Brother Norberg spoke of dependability as one of the greatest assets a person can possess and of how necessary it is to the growth and progress of any organization.

Many inspirational thoughts were left with us at both the morning and evening meetings by our stake visitors, namely, Brother Angus Brothers Dennis Lauper and Melvin Norberg of the stake presidency; Mart, both representing the stake high council; Eugene Hilton of the stake Sunday school, Wayne McKinley of the YMMIA and Sisters Leah Finch of the Primary stake board, and Ruth Hilton of the Girls' Committee.

Mention should be made also of the special musical numbers which added much to an inspiring conference.

May we take this opportunity to congratulate our Aaronic priesthood boys in another success. For the third month they have been awarded the Aaronic priesthood trophy which merits the engraving of our ward's name on the cup.

Remember the dried fruit sold by our Scout troop last Christmas? The Scouts are at it again. We hope you will try a package if you have not already done so.

Friends of Sister June Winters will be glad to know that she is rapidly recovering from her recent operation.

We have all been reminded of Christmas these past weeks in many ways and by various people. Christmas means many things. To some it means holly and mistle, bright lights, merry-making and the giving and receiving of gifts. To others it includes the worship of Him who is the Son of God, the Savior of the World. This year, because Christmas day falls on Sunday, we will have a better opportunity to remember and worship as we should.

A special Christmas Sunday school is being arranged for 10:30 a.m. while the Singing Mothers of the Relief Society are preparing an evening service for 7 o'clock. The bishopric asks that you plan your Christmas day this year to include the Sunday services.

Utah-Idaho Items

(Continued from page four)

dian girl attending the Richfield, Utah JR. HS. has won an award from the National H. S. Art Exhibit. She received her award for weaving.

Idaho's potato crop will exceed last year, 33,000,000 bushels at the acre rate of 235 bushels per acre.

Near Marysville, Utah, a huge deposit of a uranium-rich ore, autunite, second only to pitchblende in uranium content, has been found, reports the Vanadium Corp., of America. Colorado and Utah together produce virtually all the uranium ore in the U. S.

Utah has also 13,000 miles of coal reserves, and a 1000 years supply of gypsum for the whole world.

Idaho boasts almost half the U. S. reserves of phosphate rock and leads the nation in its cobalt deposits.

Did you know that all the 250 Spudnut shops across the nation originated and are still supplied from the parent corporation in Salt Lake City? It's true, Al and Bob Pelton took \$75 and an idea in 1940 and have built it into a nationwide business, Spudnuts, their own invention.

Fire tore thru the Pocatello Flour mills Thanksgiving night, leaving \$200,000 damage.

Ralph S. Roberts, Lehi born, has been appointed the U. N. delegate on the International Food and Agricultural Organization in Washington, D. C.

John Ford has been on location near Moab, Utah, using local setting and Moab citizens in his latest play, "Wagon Master." 75 local men and women and children and 65 horses were used. Brought into the small town for the picture were 130 men and women of the cast, and technical crew.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers next March will, cover by busses, part of the trail of the Mormon Battalion, culminating at celebrations in San Diego, and San Bernardino where they will take part in the parade of the Orange Show March 19. This has the approval of the First Presidency.

Verna W. Goodard, former counselor in Gen. Pres. of YLIM IA died November 25, in SLC.

Park City, Utah, for 75 years one of the top mining centers of the West, is but a shadow of its former self. So also are other Utah mining centers, Tintic, Frisco, Ophir, Alta, etc. Cause, high costs and low metal prices.

Food for Thot

By HENRY E. GORDON
Inter-Mountain News

We agree with a writer in the Deseret News 8 June that starches and sugars are an essential part of the diet of human beings. But, it was also maintained that sugar as a sweetening agent was extremely important for its taste appeal. Starches, probably of the refined variety were "highly regarded in improving the palatability of foods."

So here we come right back to the standard American concept of good food. Refined sugar and refined starch, carbohydrates which dominate our food pattern and which in themselves are, we believe, responsible for many of our illnesses. But, they add taste appeal and palatability to our foods and so they become increasingly important in our daily food intake and replace those foods with a high vitamin mineral content and a good protein pattern.

In natural foods there are generally found combinations of carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and proteins, as in the whole wheat berry. This is the proper way to get our carbohydrates. Then there is always a balance between the various food factors we eat.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS KE. 2-2564.

You had better be good, and you have best watch out, and be sure to be at Maxwell Park ward hall on Dec. 20. The annual Christmas party will be held that night. I overheard an elf telling a fairy that old Saint Nicholas himself would be on hand with a surprise for all the good boys and girls, so we invite you all to come out on that evening and celebrate with us.

Our ward conference was held on 20 Nov. with inspirational meetings held under the direction of Pres. Glen Shaw and Brother Bennion of the stake high council. Many stake leaders were in attendance, and all who attended were uplifted by the spirit that prevailed, and encouraged to go forth with their responsibilities in the ward with renewed faith and enthusiasm.

The elders of the ward held a lovely party at Diamond ward on 18 Nov. Brother J. A. Markham, president of the elders' quorum of our ward is doing a wonderful job. These brethren and their wives had a canning project during the summer months and accomplished much in a short time. We wish them continued success in their undertakings.

The Relief Society held their annual convention in the ward 6 Nov. with Sisters Marjorie Hawkins and Winnie Martin as speakers. Winnie strengthened many peoples' testimony by telling how she came to join the church in Ireland, although her family was much opposed to the gospel. We wish to pay tribute to Sister Larsen and her fine counselors who work with her, truly they will be blessed for the great work they are doing in the ward.

At this meeting the new birthday plan was introduced. Each one who has a birthday during the month is especially invited to come out to the regular monthly work meeting and luncheon, where she is an honored guest. We especially invite all who have not been attending Relief Society to come out when your birthday month is here. We hope you will enjoy yourself so thoroughly that you won't want to miss a single meeting.

We feel honored that our missionary, Elder Dean E. Mann, was recently made district president in the New England States Mission where he is laboring. At the present time Dean and his companion are in Windsor, Vermont, where they have a small room, their country work being over for the year. We wish Dean success in his labors and give our congratulations to his mother upon his receiving this honor.

As the Christmas season approaches, we wish to send greetings to each and every member of our ward, and to tell you we appreciate your participation in all our undertakings. We send greetings of love and friendship to you all, and we hope that as another holiday season approaches we will be nearer our goal of a chapel of our own. You can help make this possible by your attendance at all meetings; by your material and spiritual support in the future.

A special Christmas program is being planned for Christmas mor-

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Alameda ward bishopric was the subject to an unusual change the past month. Our Thys Winkle, who has served faithfully as bishop of our ward for many years, was released with a vote of thanks for the splendid work accomplished.

He has always carried a wonderful spirit with him. We thank the joy given to others as our bishop, friend and one of the best men known.

We are happy to sustain our new bishop, Francis Winkler. We feel he is equal to this calling. Congratulations, Bishop Winkler, we hope to see you our support and fullest cooperation.

Bishop Winkler has chosen to serve with him the former counselors: Brother Charles Stamps and Don W. Hughes. Allen Petersen was released as ward clerk and Banister is to replace him in that position.

Our Sunday school and MIA are fully organized now. Alma Thompson joins the Sunday school as secretary and counselor and Floyd Swanson as MIA as first counselor. Sister Alice Smidley, who has served as Junior Sunday school superintendent since we moved into our own chapel, was released, and Janet Roberts was sustained with Evelyn Barlow assistant.

We will soon have two missionaries from Alameda ward. Bruce Morgan is departing for the Southern States Mission in January. Paul Thompson, who will complete his mission next June, is serving in the North Central States Mission.

We wish to thank Lola Stam, activity counselor of the MIA, for doing such a fine work of composing our road show, and all those who cooperated with her to make it a success.

Emmy Stam, who gives us such pleasure through her singing, urges the young people to attend MIA choir practice Tuesday nights to prepare for the Christmas program. Brother Grand, director of the ward music and choir, would like everyone to attend practice Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

There will be a ward party 9 Dec. in honor of our retiring Bishop Thys Winkler. He deserves a good rest for he has held a position in the bishopric 19 years out of 22 years of his married life. The party will also honor Sister Lue Seavers who has served as our YMMIA president for so many years.

Relief Society meetings will be held weekly now, on Wednesdays, at 8 p.m. All who possibly can are urged to participate in this important organization.

ning by Brother Rodney Pockock of the Sunday school superintendency, and we invite everyone to come out and celebrate the true Christmas spirit on this day.

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When counting up our treasures
That sharing them does not divide
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The laymen's committee headed by President Truman in cooperation with the American Bible societies, state and national, have given out special chapters in the bible for recommended daily reading in the December days before Christmas. President Truman says, "I think the assiduous reading of the bible between Thanksgiving and Christmas has great merit." and Gov. Warren comments, "We find no greater source of inspiration than in the teachings of the bible."

This program of reading was started in 1944 and is observed in 34 countries. Latter-day Saints have everything to gain and nothing to lose in joining the movement, and taking their bibles in hand before the family for reading one of the following recommended passages daily: Psalms 23; Psalms 27; Psalms 103; Isaiah 35; Romans 12; Isaiah 55; Corinthians 13; John 14; Psalms 16; Revelation 21:1-7; 1 Tim. 2; Micah 6:1-8; Acts 17; 16:34; Revelations 22:1-7; John 3:1-17; Thessalonians 5:12-23; Mark 4:1-20.

The list continues: II Chronicles 7:11-18; John 4:1-14; Luke 10: 25-37; Matthew 25:31-46; Exodus 20:1-17; Matt. 6:5-15 Psalms 119: 33-40; John 1:1-14 and the story in Luke of the birth of Christ.

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Oakland Stake News

Road Show and Fair Tremendous Success

The country fair at Hayward and road show presentations the weekend before Thanksgiving were tributes to the headwork and leg-work that went into these affairs and the dinners and movies in Oakland stake. Designed to help raise money to pay for Oakland stake's cannery equipment, the affairs evidenced 100 per cent co-operation on the part of all wards and all auxiliaries.

A Friday night feature which was highly praised by those fortunate enough to attend, was the road show.

On a basis of originality, theme and manner of presenting, Rhea Gustavsen, stake YMMIA president, announced places for the productions at the MIA leadership meeting Sunday, November 14 as follows:

Dimond and Oakland wards, superior; Alameda and Maxwell, excellent; and Elmhurst and San Leandro, honorable mention.

Ages 15-17 Awards Deseret Recognition

Oakland stake MIA leaders can look toward an award program which will see several Deseret Recognition awards to young men age 15 and 16, come to this area, according to Explorer commissioners Gene Earl and Dale Roe.

A Church award, similar to Master M Men, the Deseret Recognition pin signifies: that the young man is active in his priesthood; that he has read one of the standard works of the Church, or Church history, or the reading course book for the year; that he has served as a leader in some capacity; that he has spent the required time in service to his Church; and in public performance.

GENERAL TIRE

The program is one of exploring vocational and avocational fields, including spiritual development. It is designed to provide all these and fun—at Mutual.

Darrel J. Monson Honored at Party

Members of his MIA board honored retiring Oakland stake superintendent Darrell J. Monson at a surprise party in his home Monday evening, Nov. 28. The party was given in appreciation of the excellent leadership Bro. Monson contributed to MIA during his long term of service. Bro. Monson was sustained, last stake conference, as stake chorister.

Christmas Pageant Pre-Showing Enjoyed

Featured at MIA leadership meeting Sunday, November 14, was a Christmas pageant, under the direction of Erva Wilson, music director. MIA workers from Oakland stake wards became the angels' chorus and Sis. Ruth Hilton was reader. The pageant was presented to show wards how they can work out theirs for December 20. A December leadership meeting will be held.

Conducting the session was Oakland stake's new MIA superintendent, Douglas Swanson. Presiding with him was Rhea Gustavsen, YLMIA president. New board members, Wayne McKinley, counselor to Pres. Swanson; and Alton Donnelly, new YM's secretary, were introduced.

John Q. Gobbler In Knave Column

Hundreds of friends and well-wishers of the law firm of Brown, Smith and Ferguson, attended open house November 23 in answer to a "subpoena" issued by "John Q. Gobbler." The unique invitation to the open house was reprinted in the Knave column of the Oakland Tribune.

Featured, besides plenty of good eats and excellent punch, was a display of souvenirs from Tom Ferguson's trip to Mexico to study evidences of ancient culture and slides showing scenes from the trip. Heber Brown is active in Oakland ward and Tom Ferguson

son and Elmo Smith in Dimond ward where Elmo is bishop. Tom is author of the book: "Cumorrh, where?"

Abe Atwood Honored

Abe Atwood of Hayward, who is Oakland stake commissioner of scouting, was one of four southern district Boy Scout leaders who have been honored with the award of the National Brotherhood of Honor Campers. Brother Atwood is district scouting commissioner in the southern district.

Two LDS on Athens Athletic Committee

Brothers Eugene B. Harris and Dale Roe, both of Dimond ward, have been appointed by Athens athletic club president Frank Brusse as members of the 1949-50 athletic committee for the club. Gene is commissioner of handball and Dale, commissioner of swimming. Both are members of the third quorum of elders. Gene is superintendent of Dimond ward Sunday school; and Dale helps with the Explorer program for Oakland stake.

Yours for Health and Strength

By JONATHAN HEATON
(of "Brother Jonathan Healthatorium.")

Women are always looking for something to make their skin clear and smooth and to get rid of a muddy complexion. They spend millions of dollars a year trying to make themselves beautiful while all the time, through their living habits, they are adding fuel to the furnace of bad looks.

They forget that in order to have a good healthy, soft, smooth skin full of life and free from wrinkles and blemishes, they have to have a healthy body. To have a healthy body they have to have good food that is full of vitamins and minerals and is free from the trash that is found in so many refined foods.

Proper exercise is also important in attaining and maintaining a healthy skin. Exercise helps to rid the body of poisons while bringing a fusion of blood to every part of the body that is exercised. Consequently, it has a marvelous effect on the skin. Exercise also helps to keep the skin free from wrinkles, because it has face free from wrinkles and keeps the skin alive.

One should, if he wants to keep lines, practice pulling faces before a mirror for a few minutes morning and night. You will be surprised what it will do for you. It may look silly, but it will keep you younger looking years longer.

Vitamin A is one of the foods that helps make a beautiful skin and helps make the eyes brighter as well as helping the body in general. There is also another substance called carotene which is transformed by the liver into vitamin A. This carotene is stored in the layer of fat just under the

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Mother of Mrs. Thomas Rogers of Claremont Ward Celebrated 100th Birthday In Mesa, Arizona, Sept. 10

Mrs. Thankful Rosilla Johnson, mother of 13 including Mrs. Thomas F. Rogers of Claremont ward, celebrated her centenary of living on last September 10 in Mesa, Arizona, attended by her



five living children, three of Mesa and two of California.

Described as a shy, white-haired woman, Sister Johnson was born in 1849 in Racine, Wisconsin, the year that Zachary Taylor served as president of the United States, and two years after the Utah pioneers entered the Salt Lake valley.

The oldest of a family of 10, when she was 11 she journeyed with her family for six months by covered wagon to their new home in Salt Lake City. After marrying Joseph E. Johnson at age 20, they soon joined a train of 20 families that started for Arizona in 1882, settling first at Tempe, and then at Zenos, now Mesa.

With ability to read without glasses, and clear hearing, this centenarian lady is still able to get around, tho suffering a slight lameness as the result of a hip injury when she fell a few years ago. She can boast of 126 grandchildren, 103 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

skin and is the substance that gives one a peaches and cream complexion that is always envied.

One should be careful to select a diet that is high in vitamin A because this vitamin, besides giving the skin a soft, lovely texture, and a complexion that is always envied, fights infections and builds up a resistance to infection. Practically everyone would do well to add about 5000 units of vitamin A to his diet in capsule or fish liver oil form.

Too much sweets, such as refined sugar and candy, also fatty foods and too much oil cause a bad skin. Be careful in using these foods.

Remember: You can have the skin you want if you are willing to work for it.

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"Reverence for the House of the Lord"

(An editorial by the Oakland Stake presidency)

About 24 years ago, two Mormon missionaries arrived at a small, white chapel in eastern Tennessee. It had been a long time since these young men, just barely out of their teens, had been in a Mormon chapel and this was the only one in their district. They entered the unlocked door and reverently tip-toed in. A sweet peace welled up in their hearts as they stood in that house dedicated to the worship of the Lord. In their hearts they loved the Lord and revered His house and thus were in tune with the spirit which filled the building. It was a soul-stirring experience, simple, but profound, heavenly.

As we enter our ward chapels which, like the little one in Tennessee, have been dedicated to the worship of our Heavenly Father, do we feel the same spirit which those missionaries felt? Or are our minds so filled with other matters that we miss that sweet experience? The chapel is the House of the Lord; we are entitled to the spiritual lift it can give. We can obtain it only, however, if our attitude is right—if we show proper love and reverence for our places of worship.

Let us tune our hearts to reverence as we enter our place of worship. Seek to feel a sweet peace there, and we shall find it.

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Pittsburg Ward

By Mrs. THOVA ASTLE

Within recent weeks several valued members of our ward have moved to new communities. Bro. Ed Maughan and family are now located at San Juan Bautista, where Bro. Maughan has accepted a teaching position, the Willard Johnsons have settled in Walnut Creek, where Bro. Johnson is in the insurance business, and the Francis Pattons are in the process of leaving for Southern California. We will miss these members, as they have been a decided asset, but our loss will be the gain of the communities into which they have moved.

Bro. Kenneth Porter, chairman of the ward finance committee who, with his family, recently moved into our ward, has sparked the budget drive with his announcement of a Ward Talent Festival to aid in fulfilling our budget obligations. Because of the recent strike which affected a good many of our active members, it is necessary that some funds be raised to supplement the pledges made by members, in order that this ward can reach its quota, and the Talent Festival is our first step in this direction. The idea is taken from the story in the Bible concerning the talents distributed by the Lord of the vineyard to his servants, to be used by each servant to his capacity. Each member of the ward will be given one talent to be used at his discretion for aid in making additional money. On December 16th the festival will be held, at this time each member will report on his or her contribution to the budget. This is a very worthy and ingenious idea, and one that will no doubt prove very successful.

Recent letters received from our beloved missions districts indicate that she is rapidly learning the ABC's of missionary life and fulfilling an excellent mission. Her letters speak of her musical activities, and this is as it should be, for Carol is music-minded, having been at various times chorister and organist in our ward, and also being possessed of a very fine singing ability.

On December 8th, the Relief Society will hold a small pre-Christmas bazaar for the benefit of those who desire hand made articles.



—Photo by Anson G. Perkins.
California state landmark 437 on Highway 120 at Mossdale, ¼-mile east of the bridge for Highway 99 as it crosses San Joaquin river, commemorating the 20 LDS pioneers from Ship Brooklyn who sailed from San Francisco to this point in 1846 on the first sailboat to ascend the San Joaquin river. These men then trekked overland to found New Hope, the first agricultural colony in San Joaquin county. Dedicated 22 Oct. 1949 by Alameda chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and state and county officials. W. Aird MacDonald presided. Apostle Matthew Cowley was present and spoke. Program was printed in November, '49 Messenger.

Berk. Stake M. I. A. News
HARVEST BALL

All of the members who turned out to the annual two-stake Harvest Ball were certainly well repaid. Everyone went away from the Scottish Rite ballroom speaking the praises of the committee responsible for the success of the dance. Jay Brown, Berkeley stake assistant superintendent, general chairman of the ball, and Dale E. Nelson, Berkeley stake secretary, financial chairman, pronounced the effort one of the most successful affairs ever held on a joint stake basis. The entire committee, which was composed of MIA workers of both stakes, is certainly to be congratulated.

BASKET-BALL

On Saturday November 12 the Berkeley Stake Basketball Tournament got under way with 6 of the 8 teams playing the first games. Under the direction of Sidney A. Feller, stake athletic supervisor, the M Men and Explorer teams were moulded into one league, with certain provisions made to allow the Explorer groups to play with the M Men teams. The league is now entering its fifth week with Berkeley first and Claremont providing the stiffest competition. It is desired that as each game is announced in your ward that special efforts be made to support your teams. With three games being played each week we can all certainly have a grand time watching the invigorating sport of basketball.

SCOUTING

It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of Dick Coltrin to the YMMIA fold. Dick for more than a year was the Stake Scout supervisor and now after spending a quarter at the BYU and the Summer in Military reserve activity he has again rejoined us. He plans to step into the breach created by his absence, and once again get involved in Scout work. The locals scout problems should certainly get a shot in the arm from this very energetic MIA worker.

BEE HIVE GIRL ACTIVITY

That tinsel season is here again with all its hustle and bustle, and good things to eat—that season filled with laughter and many

Vallejo Ward

Our hearts were saddened at the death of Sister Alma Dow, who passed away Thanksgiving morning. Her knowledge and testimony of the gospel seemed to radiate within her wherever she went, as it does, even now, with her husband, Brother Dow. After years of study, she became a member of our church in the year 1940. She was a fervent reader and because of her vast knowledge of the gospel, many people sought advice. She went out of her way to help. On many Sundays, we found her lovely flowers decorating the church. Bishop Neerings in his remarks at her funeral, stressed the point that he had never heard an unkind word spoken of her. She was a remarkable person and we will miss her greatly.

Ward conference was held November 20 and conducted by Bishop Henry Neerings under the direction of Timothy Morley who represented the stake presidency. Many wonderful talks were presented to us. Among them was the one by Vern Newman, Sunday school superintendent whose theme was: "To Thine Own Self Be True." He said: "Each day well lived can sometimes be more effective than a sermon. It may become a means, whereby loved one and friends can be convinced of the truthfulness of the gospel."

Thomas S. Jorgensen, an archeologist of note who has done considerable exploring amid the ruins in Central America, presented an inspiring testimony of his belief in the Book of Mormon at a recent Stake services. His testimony was based not only on a thorough study of the latter day scriptures, but also on the fact that much evidence has been uncovered in the last few years that substantiates the account of those early people as presented by the Book of Mormon.

Dr. John A. Widstoe of the quorum of apostles, came to Vallejo on November 21 for the purpose of setting apart Bishop Henry Neerings and counselor Glen Zundell.

Young fellows recently ordained teachers, were Mark Thorpe, Warren Rosenbaum, Arthur Harvey Jr., and Raymond Neerings.

The M. L. A. will present a Christmas Cantata on Tuesday, 20 December.

Serge J. Lauper of the San Francisco Stake Presidency, will speak at Stake Services on December 11.

The Relief Society ladies and their partners will have a Christmas party December 15.

Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Our ward has had the privilege of receiving ten new members by recent baptisms, four being adults. They are Florence Affleck, Walter Canning, Barbara LaPray, Leland Stewart, William Walcott, Marvin Reed, Maurice McFadden, Vilma White, and Carol Anne Webb.

We had a very inspirational testimony meeting with many of the young people taking part. Four new baptisms were blessed.

During the last month we have made great strides in paying for our chapel. Three dinners were sponsored, and a very lovely musical recital given by our highly talented and cooperative Rex and Mary Bolles. Any who missed this recital missed a distinct treat.

Halloween parties were held by the Primary with a hundred in attendance. The MIA put on a costume dance. The MIA urge more and more of all ages to put MIA on your calendar. Many fine programs are coming every week.

Relief Society announces a shower, bazaar and luncheon for December 9. Tickets are on sale now for the luncheon. Kindly speak early.

County-wide scout rally occurred December 2, at the Bret Harte gym. Bro. Philster has made a lovely shelf for the telephone for the chapel. Bro. Geo. Reinking for the family were in Medford, Oregon, for his brother's funeral. Leon White and family spent the holiday with folks in Ariz. The Rosenkranz at turkey dinner with their family in SLC.

Our fine choir is busily practicing for the Christmas cantata. All who would like to join are welcome. Don't let the possible fact that you are not the world's best singer keep you away. Choir leader, Harold Wiseman, says if you can talk you can sing. Remember that the Lord has promised that if you will try to improve what little talent you have, He will add to it.

The Lord has also said that the "song of the righteous is a prayer unto me." Please come out and help sing these beautiful Christmas carols that we all love so much.

Our bishopric trust all members will see their Christmas or December message in the Mormon.

good times. This year a good time is in store for every Bee-Hive girl of the Berkeley Stake for their holiday season will be highlighted with a Christmas party to be held in Berkeley Ward on Friday the sixteenth at 8 p. m.

The Keepers of these Bees are invited to join in the fun to make it an evening always to be remembered at Christmas time.

Echoes From November
Stake Conference in
Berkeley

● Meeting attendance of the youth of the Church exceeds that quoted by Bishop Richards at of the adult members. The records Berkeley last month show that the attendance of boys at meetings is 37 per cent, of girls, 50 per cent, while that of the Church in general is 22 per cent.

● We always deliver three sermons when called upon to speak, the one before we speak, the one we deliver in the pulpit, and the one after we sit down. The last one is generally the best.

● Bishop Richards advised strongly again that the youth of the Church be called upon to participate in all sacrament meetings. He advised holding meetings only one and one-half hours long, and having four or five eight minute adult speakers, and four young people speaking five minutes each.

● Wards can tell their quota for foreign missionaries, because they may figure their quota as 1 per

cent of population. On that basis, Berkeley stake should have now from 27 to 37 of its members on missions whereas we have at present just 13. Only Claremont ward has reached and passed its quota of two or three. She now has five of her members on missions. Napa has two. So has Berkeley First ward; while Berkeley Second has one, as has also East Richmond, Carquinez and Pittsburg. Three wards have none. Figures by Pres. Mayhew.

● Pres. Emery Ranker told the laughable story of the man who, too often slipping from his duties and too often needing to repent, was again praying for the Lord to fill him with his spirit. A lad hearing the repeated plea said: "Don't you do it Lord, he leaks." Perhaps too many of us also "leak" somewhat.

● President Harmon expressed hopes that the Welfare building will be ready for dedication at the next quarterly conference, in February 1950 and added that he looks forward to the time not too far distance when we could help Pittsburg, Napa and Claremont erect chapels to completion.

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Walnut Crk. News

MESSAGE OF THE BISHOPRIC:
"The bishopric wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The ward has grown so that it is impossible to greet each member. We also wish to invite all members individually, as we would like to do, boys to help prune pear trees Saturdays at 8 a.m. in Dr. Ranker's orchard. We should like to have the pruning before the rains begin. An excellent Christmas party has been planned for the ward with plenty of fun for the whole family. Details later."

Many thanks to the ward music committee for the lively music that has been arranged for our meetings. The Phoebe in Walnut Creek is growing, and they now have many interesting "Irons in the fire." These plans include Christmas caroling and a snow trip. The newly elected officers are: Nico Snell, jr. president; Merrill Williams, vice president; and Beverly Williams, secretary and treasurer. Thanks to Dwayne and Elaine for a grand job well done.

Dr. William A. Elsassner, our scout master, invites all of scout age to come and bring a friend on Thursday night at 7:30. Much outdoor activity is being planned. We are wondering if our members would like to know a little regadraci-like to know a little about Dr. Elsassner. He practices dentistry in Richmond and teaches at the UC UC medical center.

Honey now is available for those with a sweet tooth at 15 cents a quart, with bottle exchange; also pears at 20 cents a can. See Al Uffens, 2056 Hillside avenue, or phone Walnut Creek 4255.

Bro. and Sis. Phyl N. Hilton and their family are now settled in their new home and are cordially welcomed into our ward. Phyl is serving in the YLMA presidency.

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MOSES

And it came to pass that Moses called upon God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, why these things are so, and by what thou madest them?

And behold, the glory of the Lord was upon Moses, so that Moses stood in the presence of God, and talked with him face to face. And the Lord God said unto Moses: For mine own purpose have I made these things. Here is wisdom, and it remaineth in me.

And by the word of my power have I created them; and I also created them for mine purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten.—Pearl of Great Price: Moses 1: 30-33.

ENOCH

And it came to pass that Enoch looked; and from Noah, he beheld all the families of the earth; and he cried unto the Lord, saying: When shall the day of the Lord come? When shall the blood of the Righteousness be shed, that all they that mourn may be sanctified and have eternal life?

And the Lord said: It shall be in the meridian of time, in the days of wickedness and vengeance.

And behold, Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, even in the flesh; and his soul rejoiced, saying: The Righteous is lifted up, and the Lamb is slain from the foundation of the world; and through faith I am in the bosom of the Father, and behold Zion is with me.—Pearl of Great Price. Book of Moses 7: 45-47.

ABRAHAM

But I, Abraham, and Lot, my brother's son, prayed unto the Lord, and the Lord appeared unto me, and said . . .

I am the Lord thy God; I dwell in heaven; the earth is my footstool; I stretch my hand over the sea, and it obeys my voice; I cause the wind and the fire to be my chariot; I say unto the mountain—depart hence, and behold, they are taken away by a whirlwind, in an instant, suddenly.

My name is Jehovah, and I know the end from the beginning; therefore my hand shall be over thee.—Pearl of Great Price: Book of Abraham 3:6-8.

JOSEPH SMITH

So, in according with this, my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt . . .

I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power that overcame me . . .

But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized me . . . just at the moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me . . .

When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other—This is my Beloved Son. Hear Him!

ISAIAH

Who hath believed your report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.

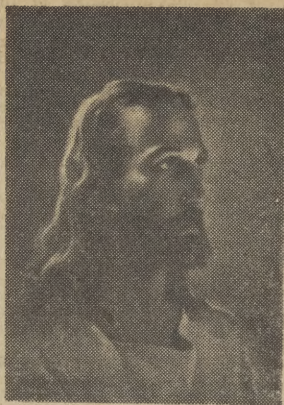
Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was



cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of his people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great; and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.—Isaiah, 53rd chapter.

MATTHEW

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying: Where is he who is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him . . .

When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was born.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.—Matthew 2.

LUKE

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed thou art among women.

And when she saw him she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.—Luke 1.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came unto them, and the glory of the Lord shined round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord . . .

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all the people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rise again of many in Israel; and for a sign that shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, she was of great age . . .

And she was a widow . . . which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto God, and spake of him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.—Luke 2.

NEPHI'S VISION OF THE CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

For it came to pass after I had desired to know the things that my father had seen, and believing that the Lord was able to make them known unto me, as I sat pondering in mine heart I was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord, yea, into an exceeding high mountain, which I never had before seen . . .

And the Spirit said unto me: behold, what desirest thou? And I said: I desire to behold the things which my father saw . . .

And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; . . . And I looked and beheld the virgin again bearing a child in her arms.

And the angel said unto me: behold the Lamb of God, yea, the Son of the Eternal Father! . . .

And . . . he said unto me: Look! And I looked, and I beheld the Son of God going forth among the children of men; and I saw many fall down at his feet and worship him . . .

And I looked and beheld the Redeemer of the world, of whom my father had spoken; and I also beheld the prophet who should prepare the way before him. And the Lamb went forth and was baptized of him; and after he was baptized, I beheld the heavens open, and the Holy Ghost came down out of heaven and abode upon him in the form of a dove.

And I beheld that he went forth ministering unto the people in power and great glory; and the multitude were gathered together to hear him; and I beheld that they cast him out from among them . . .

And I looked, and I beheld the Lamb of God going forth among the children of men. And I beheld multitudes of people who were sick, and who were afflicted with all manner of diseases, and with devils and unclean spirits; and the angel spoke and showed all these things unto me. And many were healed by the power of the Lamb of God; and the devils

and the unclean spirits were cast out.

And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that he was taken by the people; yea, the Son of the everlasting God was judged of the world, and I saw and bear record.

And I, Nephi, saw that he was lifted up upon the cross and slain for the sins of the world.

—I Nephi 11:1-33.

JOHN THE APOSTLE

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life.

For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was from the Father, and was manifest unto us;

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have the fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship

Stories Told By Bishop Richards

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A returned service man in a meeting held up a copy of the Book of Mormon and said, "This is what kept me clean during the war."

Bishop Richards told the stories of David against Goliath, and of Joseph who was strong against temptation placed before him by the queen.

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